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SUBJECT: MBFR: NATO REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ON AIR FORCES AND AIR
MANPOWER IN NGA

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1. DURING NOV 20 MEETING OF MBFR WORKING GROUP, CHAIRMAN SUBGROU
ON DATA CIRCULATED AIDE MEMOIRE REQUESTING NATIONAL INPUTS ON DATA
FOR AIR MANPOWER. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE GIVEN BELOW. WE ARE SUBMITTING
BY AIRGRAM DATA REFERRED TO IN THIRD PARA OF DOCUMENT.
BEGIN TEXT

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR MEMBERS OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP

SUBJECT: NATO AND WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA

THE RECEIPT OF THE SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT(1) CREATES AN URGENT
NEED FOR ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE DATA ON NATO AIR FORCES AND UP-TO-DATE

ESTIMATES OF WP AIR FORCES. THE SUB-GROUP ON TACTICAL AIR HAVE
SECRET

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SUBMITTED A QUESTIONNAIRE (2) TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES REQUESTING
UNDATING OF OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

MOD BONN IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING AN INTELLIGENCE PAPER

COVERING WP AIR FORCES, HOWEVER, THIS PAPER IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE THE SPRING 1974.

THE STAFF GROUP PRODUCED FOR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MC, A HIP POCKET BRIEF(MBFR)-1-73, 13 NOV 73, WHICH INCLUDED DATA ON AIR MANPOWER. THANEXES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO YOU. THE DATA ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER WERE EXTRACTED FROM DPQ(73) REPLIES, ITEM IV.B FOR NATO FORCES AND FROM MC 161/73 SECTION 6 FOR NSWP FORCES. NO AGREED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING SOCIET AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN THE NGA. WHAT IS NOW NEEDED IS A BREAKDOWN OF AIRFORCE MANPOWER. SINCE NATO COUNTRIES HAVE DISSIMILAR AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONS A SINGLE FORMAT MIGHT LEAD TO CONFUSION. MEMBERS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM THEIR MODS ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. NATO AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN NGA. A BREAKDOWN OF ACTUAL MANPOWER STRENGTHS AS AT AUGUST 1973, BY UNITS, ACCORDING TO EACH COUNTRY'S RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATION; E.G. PERSONNEL IN MAJOR HEAD-QUARTERS, IN COMBAT AIR UNITS (WITH OR WITHOUT ORGANIC COMBAT SUPPORT DEPENDING ON SYSTEM USED), GROUND AIR DEFENSE UNITS, COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS, ETC. ETC., AND WHETHER ASSIGNED, EARMARKED OR UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND.

B. WP AIR FORCE MANPOWER. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES OF ACTUAL MANPOWER AS AT AUGUST 1973, SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND HUNGARIAN AIR FORCES, BROKEN DOWN AS FAR AS IS POSSIBLE AS FOR NATO FORCES SHOWN ABOVE.

(1) IMSWM-213-73, 12 NOV 73
(2) AC/276(SGTA)-N/30, 31 OCT 73

END TEXT

2. DURING DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT, U.S. REP. POINTED OUT THAT CAPITALS MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY PRODUCING IN SHORT ORDER LEVEL OF SECRET

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DETAIL REQUESTED IN SUBPARA A, BUT VOLUNTEERED A REQUEST FROM HIS AUTHORITIES AT LEAST BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES ON THE BASIS OF AIR FORCE UNIT PERSONNEL AND GROUND AIR DEFENSE UNIT PERSONNEL. WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE IN SHORT TIME FRAME REQUIRED. MISSION SHARES IMS VIEW THAT, GIVEN INCREASINGLY POINTED SOVIET INTEREST IN INCLUDING AIR FORCE ELEMENTS IN ANY REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT (VIENNA 9564) ALLIES WILL SHORTLY HAVE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON DEFINITIONS, CATEGORIES AND DATA ELEMENTS WHICH MAKE UP AIR MANPOWER FIGURES. AS WASHINGTON AWARE, EACH ALLY HAS ITS OWN FORMULA FOR DETERMINING WHAT IS, AND IS NOT, INCLUDED IN AIR MANPOWER CALCULATIONS.

3. ON SEPARATE ITEM, CHAIRMAN SUBGROUP ON TACTICAL AIR HAS AGAIN

REQUESTED ADDITIONAL DATA (REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN AC/276-
(&5-)-N/30, 31 OCTOBER 1973 POUCHED) ON NATIONAL FORCES NOT
ASSIGNED TO EARMARKED TO SACERU. INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO
UPDATE DATA BASE FOR
TACTICAL AIR FORCES. REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE.
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